

To a friend in New York. Feb. 11. 1711.

REFLECTIONS UPON Several Passages

In a Book, Entituled,

*Satan Disrob'd from his Disguise of
L I G H T.*

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P. 19. Speaking of *Cornelius*, Acts 10. the Author hath these words, "Now what had become of him, if he had Died, before he had heard of the *Outward Christ*. I will not say, but I think, we may safely conclude, That if he had rejected the *Preaching of Peter*, and depended, as the *Quakers* do, upon the *Sufficiency of the Light within*, without any thing else, all his former Righteousness would not have Sav'd him, nor his *Light within*.

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Ans. He could not have Rejected the Preaching of Peter, but by REBELLING against *The Light within*. I Entreat the Learned Reader to Peruse a Printed Paper of mine, Entituled, "GEORGE KEITH" his saying, That the Light within is not Sufficient without something else, Prov'd to be contrary to the Foundation of the Christian Religion.

P. 42. His (Danson's) words are these, "As for their Participating of the Infallible Spirit (if that were granted) that infers not a Participation of the Spirit's Infallibility; as indeed (says this Author) it does not, more than of its Omnipotence, Omniscience, or any other of the Divine Attributes.

Ans. Most certainly, the Participation of the Divine Nature does imply a Participation of Omnipotence, and Omniscience, viz. A Power to KNOW All things, and to DO All things, from Time to Time; which it is our Duty for the Present to Know and Do. This Participation of Omnipotence, and Omniscience, all those that are Partakers of the Divine Nature, as such, are most certainly Endued withal by the Father of Lights, the Fountain of all Goodness: And it is Impossible they should Err so far, as they Adhere to the Spirit of Truth.

W. P. declares the Quakers Meaning in these words in his *KEY*, p. 7. "They say, the Principle is Pure, Perfect, Unerrable in it self, or else it were unfit to lead Men out of Error and Impurity to Heaven: But they never did assert themselves such, meerly because it was in them; by no means: But that all who are led by it, are so far Perfect, and so far Infallibly in the Right Way, as they are led by it, and no jot farther.

P. 66. "This shews us the Heart of the Quakers,
" who are not satisfied with the *Influences, and Inspiration of Christ*: But will have the very Person of
" CHRIST within them.

Ansⁿ. If CHRIST be the True and Eternal God, the very Person of CHRIST, or CHRIST HIMSELF is in All Creatures, and in a Peculiar Manner in All Rational Creatures. Every GOOD Motion in the Heart and Perception of TRUTH in the Mind of Man, comes IMMEDIATELY from the very Person of CHRIST, or CHRIST HIMSELF In the Soul, or *Inward Man*. Whoever sincerely Believes, that CHRIST is the True and Eternal GOD, does *Virtually Believe* this: Which he that *Formally and Expressly Believes*, finds Infinitely more Joy and Satisfaction in the *Explicitness* of that Belief, and the KNOWLEDGE of the Daily Effects of it, than He could have in all the Learning, that Mankind is capable of, without the *Sanctifying Inspiration* of the Only Wise GOD, from which nothing can *Exclude* us, but the *Perverseness of our own Witt*. We do not Affirm, that the Body of Christ is otherwise In us, than upon this account, that it is In Him, in whom are All things; who is as truly and really In us, as He is In Heaven. This Doctrine, that the Person of CHRIST, or *Christ Himself*, the True and Eternal LIGHT is In us, is so far from being the Foundation of Errors, as this Learned *Man* Asserts, that it is the Foundation of All EVANGELICAL Knowledge; but I grant that Every Man has a VIRTUAL, or *Implicit* Knowledge of this Truth, who so Trusts in GOD for *Christ's sake*, to cleanse the Thoughts of his Heart, by the Inspiration of his *Holy Spirit*, that Commonly, or *Habitually*, he is in such a Temper

Temper of Mind, that he wou'd rather lay down his Life, than be Guilty of any KNOWN Sin of Commission, or Omission.

"It is, says this Learned Man, the True and Real "Virtue, and Light of Christ, which from him in "Heaven is convey'd into our Hearts. And what "more would the Quakers have? Nothing less than "the very Body and Person of CHRIST within "them. This is the Foundation of all the Quakers Errors. But say I again, and again: This is the Foundation of All Evangelical Knowledge: That JESUS CHRIST is the Foundation of Light in the Souls of Men.

COME LORD JESUS.

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